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WE FOUND THEM, CAPTAIN.
PURSUERS!?
IT'S THAT GIRL...!
...IS THAT SO.
FROM HERE WE WILL SPLIT INTO 2 TEAMS AND EXECUTE THE CAPTURE PLAN.
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THE TARGET IS THAT GIRL ALONE.
AS FOR EVERYONE ELSE...
KILL THEM.
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...ARGH..... YOUR ONLY GETTING YOUR OWN NAME AND ANETT'S NAME'S PRONUNCIATION CORRECT!
HA HA HA. I CAN'T ALWAYS REMAIN HOPELESS AT THESE IMPORTANT THINGS.
DON'T WORRY! LOOK, HE CAN WRITE YOUR NAME VERY BEAUTIFULLY

DULLAN
WHAT'S WRONG?
.....
...IT SEEMS THAT
WE'VE BEEN DISCOV-ERED.

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.....
YOU GUYS... ARE BEING CHASED BY SOMEONE, RIGHT?

...WHAT'S THE APPROXIMATE DISTANCE?
AROUND... A FEW KILOMETERS AWAY... AND THERE'S QUITE A FEW PEOPLE.

...YEAH
ANYWAYS, WE DON'T HAVE TIME RIGHT NOW. WE'LL EXPLAIN WHILE WE PREPARE OUR ESCAPE.

FOOD STORAGE INSIDE THE CAVE.
WE'LL BE LEAVING IN 5 MINUTES.
BRING AS MUCH FOOD AS YOU CAN
YEP, LET'S DO THIS!

AH.... IT WAS ALMOST THE SEASON WHEN THE SALMON AND CAKE ARE THE MOST DELICIOUS.
WHEN YOU BAKE THE DRIED SALMON, IT JUST MELTS IN YOUR MOUTH. AND IF YOU EAT IT WITH POTATOES, IT'S REALLY SWEET AND DELICIOUS.
THANKS TO THE PRESERVATION OF FOODS FROM YESTERDAY'S PARTY, WE CAN BRING MOST OF THESE ALONG.
DULLAN'S ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS REALLY ARE SOMETHING TO BE RESPECTED.

HEY... ARE WE NOT GOING TO COME BACK HERE AGAIN?
I DEFINITELY WOULD HAVE WANTED TO TRY IT OUT.
WELL, YEAH. IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE CAN FIND A GOOD BASE NEXT TIME.
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NO WAY... EVEN THOUGH WE MADE THIS PLACE.
I SHOULD HAVE TAKEN MORE BATHS...
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...GEEZ, EVEN THOUGH THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO FEEL SAD ABOUT A BATH.
YOU REALLY ARE MARIUS.
PFFT

A FEW NIGHTS AGO, IN THE FOREST.
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...WE'RE LEAVING MARIUS?
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YEAH... A FUGITIVE'S LIFE WOULD PROBABLY BE TOO HARSH FOR HIM.
SINCE HE HAS NO STAMINA AND IS EXTREMELY NAIVE.
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BUT WITH HIS MAGIC, THOSE PURSUERS ARE JUST...
...IT'S TRUE THAT HIS MAGIC IS AMAZING.
BUT... IF HE SIDES WITH US, THEN HE'LL BE CHASED AS WELL.

...TRUE THAT. AND THANKS TO BEN, HIS LANGUAGE HAS BEEN IMPROVING.
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NO MATTER WHERE, HE SHOULD BE AN EXTREMELY WANTED PERSON FOR HIS TALENTS.
IN THE END, IT'S BEST FOR HUMANS TO STAY WITH OTHER HUMANS... RIGHT?
HE ALSO HANGS OUT WITH US MONSTERS WITHOUT LOOKING THROUGH A COLORED LENS.
HE WAS A GOOD HUMAN, ALBEIT ODD...
BUT WON'T MARIUS WANT TO COME WITH US?
HOW SHOULD WE BREAK IT TO HIM...
TRUE... IT'S USELESS IF HE JUST COMES ALONG ANYWAY...
HE'S STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEAT THE PURSUERS IN AN INSTANT...
WE HAVE TO FIND A GOOD REASON FOR HIM TO REMAIN WITH THE HUMANS...
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IT WILL BE A HARSH PATH ONCE WE LEAVE THE FOREST BUT... PLEASE BEAR WITH IT.
WE'LL MOVE WHILE MAKING THE LEAST SOUND HERE.
ALRIGHT, LET'S GO.
WE'RE DONE WITH THE PREPARATIONS!
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IT'D BE A GOOD IDEA FOR ME TO ERASE ALL THE NOISE WE MAKE.
Wind element. Soundproof magic, 【Silence】

NOW IT SHOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR OUR SURROUNDINGS TO HEAR US.
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AMAZING... SO WE CAN RUN NOW?
YEP... LET'S HURRY.
I'M OUT OF BREATH... I FORGOT, BUT SINCE THIS BODY IS A SAGE, THE POWER IS REALLY LOW...
HAA
I'LL JUST SECRETLY USE PHYSICAL ENHANCEMENT.
HAA
SINCE THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE A PROBLEM, WHEN I USE IT ON MYSELF, I'LL LET EVERYONE...
EVERYONE ELSE DOESN'T SEEM TO NEED IT THOUGH...
?

HEY... IS IT OK IF I ASK NOW?
WHO'S CHASING US AND WHY ARE THEY CHASING YOU GUYS?
ALRIGHT, MY BODY'S GOTTEN LIGHTER!
WITH THIS, I CAN JUST ABOUT KEEP UP.

...WE...
LOOK
NOD
DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.
I DON'T REALLY KNOW...
WAS IT LIKE, YOU GUYS COMMITTED A CRIME AND NOW THEY'RE CHASING YOU... OR SOMETHING?

IF WE HAVE TO SAY, THE ONE CHASING US IS THIS LAND'S FEUDAL LORD AND,
THE ONE BEING CHASED IS ANETT.

ANETT'S ABILITY...?
IF I WERE TO SAY WHY... IT WOULD PROBABLY BE BECAUSE OF HER ABILITY.
BUT LAST TIME WHEN THEY ATTACKED US, THEIR AIM WAS DEFINITELY ANETT.
WE DON'T KNOW THE REASON EITHER.
ANETT IS...? WHY...
MONSTER TAMER!?
ANETT HAS THE POWER OF A MONSTER TAMER.
FOR FEROCIOUS MONSTERS TO BE WITH A SUCH A YOUNG GIRL.
YEA, DIDN'T YOU FIND IT STRANGE?
WHAT DOES THAT FEUDAL LORD WANT BY MAKING HER CONTROL THE MONSTERS...?
DEPENDING ON THE LEVEL OF THE ABILITY, IT COULD BECOME A LARGE FIGHTING ASSET..
CONNECTING THEIR HEARTS, THEY BECOME FRIENDS AND HELP EACH OTHER.
IT'S A POWER THAT BY TALKING WITH MONSTERS AND BEASTS AND
MONSTER TAMER... TO PUT IT SIMPLY, IT'S A BEAST KEEPER.

...!? I'LL KILL YOU!
We're not in that sort of relationship!
SO BASICALLY, YOU GUYS WERE TAMED BY ANETT'S POWER AND BECAME HER OBEDIENT PETS RIIIGHT!
SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS... I THINK I UNDERSTAND NOW.

THAT REGARDLESS OF THAT POWER, YOU GUYS WILL TRUST EACH OTHER.
JUST BY LOOKING I KNOW,
...THAT WAS A JOKE.
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MARIUS...

...BUT AREN'T YOU SURE TAKING IT EASY FROM A WHILE AGO?
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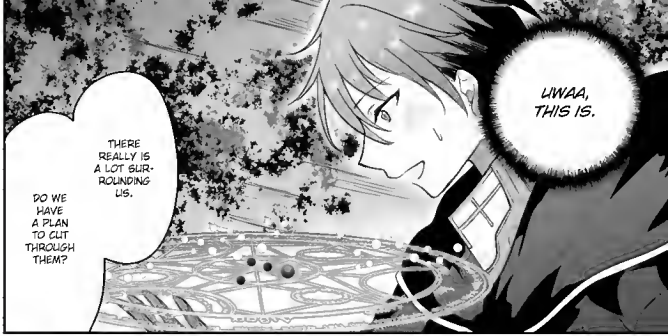
AH——...I ACTUALLY USED STAMINA STRENGTHENING MAGIC...
WHAT!? THAT'S DIRTY, USE IT ON US AS WELL!!
SORRY SORRY...! I DIDN'T KNOW IF I COULD CONTROL IT PROPERLY.
....DAMMIT
WE'VE BEEN SURROUNDED.
TO THINK WE'LL BE CORNERED EVEN THOUGH THE SILENCING MAGIC WAS USED...
THE OPPONENT IS ALSO QUITE SKILLED..
SEARCHING MAGIC [DETECTION].


UWAA, THIS IS.
THERE REALLY IS A LOT SURROUNDING US.
DO WE HAVE A PLAN TO CUT THROUGH THEM?

...IF IT'S A PLAN, THEN WE DO HAVE ONE.
JUST UP FRONT, THE FOREST SUDDENLY STOPS.
WE'RE STOPPING THERE.
SO WE DON'T

FROM WHAT I CAN SEE, IT LOOKS LIKE A NORMAL VIGILANTE GROUP.
SINCE THEY DON'T HAVE ANY MAGICIANS, THIS SHOULD BE EASY.
...SO THEY'RE OUR PURSUERS...

Schneider
Second division captain
Gustav
WE KNOW YOU'RE THERE
COME OUT!!
IF YOU HAND THAT GIRL OVER, YOU GUYS WON'T BE HARMED!

CAN'T WE JUST DEFEAT THOSE PEOPLE?
It seems pretty easy

...OR SO HE'S SAYING
WELL THAT IS 100% A BLATANT LIE...

...I'M GOING TO DO THIS!
OK... BUT WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

YOU CAN'T.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, PLEASE UNDO THE SILENCING MAGIC.

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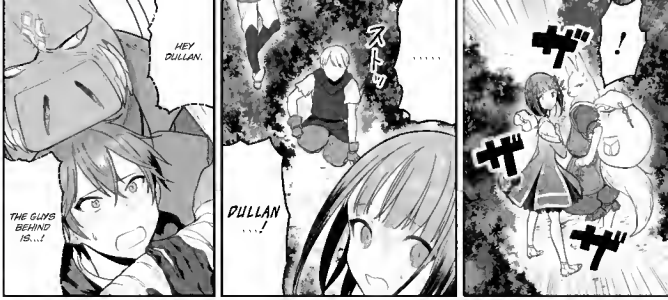
I HAVE ONE OF YOUR PRECIOUS CITIZENS!
IF YOU WANT HIM SAFE, THEN MAKE WAY!!

SHHH, JUST STAY QUIET.
DON'T WORRY.
...WHA!?
WAS THIS YOUR PLAN!? WILL THIS REALLY WORK!?
TO MAKE A RANDOM NORMAL PERSON A HOSTAGE...!
UGH... YOU VULGAR AND COWARDLY MONSTER...!!
SO A CITIZEN FROM THE SCHNEIDER TERRITORY...!?
THAT RED HAIR... THERE'S NO MISTAKE THAT HE'S A HUMAN.
...HMPH, SO EVEN IF YOU'RE ALL HUMANS, YOU'LL CUT OFF THOSE WHO ARE USELESS.
WHO'S THE COWARDLY ONE... THAT REALLY ISN'T A FUNNY JOKE.
A NORMAL CITIZEN WILL HAVE NO VALUE AS A HOSTAGE. TOO BAD FOR YOU GUYS.
...BUT OUR ORDERS ARE TO BRING BACK 「THAT GIRL」 ONLY.


HEY DULLAN.
THE GUYS BEHIND IS...!
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DON'T COME ANY CLOSER TO ANETT...!

DON'T GET HASTY.
...IT'S ABOUT TIME ...DO IT.
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HE MAY BE A REGULAR [CITIZEN] BUT
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WHAT IF HE WAS A POWERFUL [MAGICIAN]?
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WHAT!? A MAGICIAN!?

A few day ago,
Duke Schneider
In a villa in the territory
Office
...AND THAT IS THE DETAILS OF THIS TIME'S REQUEST.
KEEP IN MIND. FAILURE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.
YES SIR. LAST TIME WE MAY HAVE LET HER OFF BUT
THIS TIME WE WILL CAPTURE HER FOR SURE.
Schneider territory
Feudal lord
Michael
GOOD
???
Pedra
WE HAVE HIGH HOPES, SECOND DIVISION CAPTAIN.
THAT'S NO GOOD, MICHAEL.
THERE WAS ANOTHER IMPORTANT MATTER, WAS THERE NOT?
HM... WAS THERE?
PEDRA...

WHISPER
WHISPER...
...ADDI-
TIONALLY
IF YOU MEET A MAGICIAN, PRIORITIZE THAT MAGICIAN OVER THE GIRL.
YES
AND THE STRONGER THAT MAGICIAN IS, THE MORE I WANT THEM.

...YES SIR.
SO A MAGICIAN... IS IT.
IF I MAY SPEAK, BUT ISN'T THERE ALREADY SEVERAL STRONG MAGICIANS GATHERING WITH GILIZEPP-SAMA AT THE LEAD, WORKING UNDER YOU?
YOU IDIOT
I'M SAYING THAT THEY'RE NOT ENOUGH!
NOT ENOUGH...?
I CERTAINLY HAVE HEARD THAT THERE ARE STRONGER MAGICIANS IN THE OTHER LANDS, SIR.
WHAT IS THIS PERSON GOING TO START AFTER BEHAVING SO MUCH ALIKE
...YES SIR.
PLEASE FORGIVE MY INSOLENCE...

I DIDN'T THINK THERE WOULD CONVENIENTLY BE A WANDERING MAGICIAN.
WHEN THE LORD HAD THAT CONVERSATION WITH ME.

HE TOOK THE BAIT!
I"S PROBABLY JUST A BLUFF!!
...IS IT TRUE THAT HE IS A MAGICIAN?

HAHA, YOU SURE ARE PROMISING.
I'LL USE THE CONFUSION TO MIX IN SOME STUNS AS WELL.
GOT IT. JUST A DISTRACTION WON'T BE ENOUGH THOUGH.
WE'LL RUN WHEN THEY'RE ALL CONFUSED.
...LISTEN, WHEN I GO OUT, USE SOME SORT OF DISTRACTIVE MAGIC.

UGH, TRUE...
YOU'RE OK WITH THAT EXPLANATION!?
HMPH. AS IF THERE IS ANY PERSON WHO WILL WEAR SUCH STUFFY CLOTHES OTHER THAN A MAGICIAN.

BUT HIM BEING LIKE THAT, IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE THE PRESSURE OF BEING CHASED.
ELOPEMENT HUH... IT SOMEHOW FEELS LIKE AN ADVENTURE.

WE'LL BE THE ONLY ONES GOING ON THIS ESCAPE TRIP.
AN UNEXPECTED DECLARATION
...NO, WE'LL LEAVE YOU HERE.
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